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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [] - Possible Allegations Regarding
Nazi War Criminal Klaus Barbie

1. In researching the allegation made by Mrs. Jeri Walsh regarding the connection between Thomas Slick and Klaus Barbie the following is the results of traces on Slick. Date and Place of Birth: 6 May 1916, Clarion, Pennsylvania. Graduated from Yale 1938. 1940 founded the Southwest Research Institute. 1946 founded the Institute of Inventive Research which was an offshoot of the Southwest Research Institute. Both institutes are located in San Antonio, Texas. In April 1953, he met with then CIA Director Dulles and proposed that CIA pay for establishing Institute of Inventive Research offices in Europe and Asia. Slick was advised that CIA did not need offices of this type so his request for funds was denied. In 1957 Slick discussed funding with Life Magazine via the San Antonio Zoo to go to Nepal to study the abominable snowman. In October 1958, Slick requested CIA to subsidize offices of Scientific Exchange. This request was denied. In October 1959, Slick attended the 3rd Conference for Strategy and Peace in Warrenton, Virginia. This entry represents the last information that we have on Slick.

2. From DCD files it was noted that Slick's contacts with CIA were attempts to obtain funding for one of his schemes or institutes. There is no record of any official relationship between Slick and CIA. However, CIA had periodic contacts with him between January 1950 and October 1959. According to DCD files Slick served in the U. S. Navy from 1942 to 1946, theatre unknown. Since Slick was personally known to former Director Dulles, this association may have developed during World War II.

3. The French Branch traced Mrs. Jeri Walsh with negative results.

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